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The following information is furnished in response to your inquiry on the activities of the 5 large-hatch ships that have made or are now making trips to Cuba after returning to the USSR when the US quarantine was declared.

As a general rule it should be noted that the large-hatch ships used in the movement of military cargoes to Cuba required only 24 - 48 hours to unload these cargoes. Ships loading in Soviet ports require 3 - 4 days on the average to load their cargoes and to take on bunkers.

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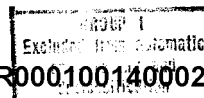
25X1D1a & NSA	<u>KASIMOV</u>	22 October -	[REDACTED] going northbound out of the Baltic and presumed to be en route to Cuba.	
		25 October -	[REDACTED] returned to the Baltic.	25X1C
		28 October -	[REDACTED] Leningrad 30 October.	25X1D
		7 November -	sailed Leningrad	& NSA
		9 November -	[REDACTED] to Cuba.	25X1C 25X1C

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Remarks:

The five day interval between 25 and 30 October was sufficient for this ship to have reached Leningrad, or an intermediate Baltic port, and to have offloaded its cargo. The interval between 30 October and 7 November was almost twice the normal period required to load Soviet vessels.

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KIMOVSK

12 October - coming out of the Baltic [REDACTED]

25X1D

23 October - was approaching the quarantine line, and had reversed course sometime during the evening.

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25X1D

3 November - [REDACTED] Kaliningrad [REDACTED]

25X1D

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7 November - departed Kaliningrad for Leningrad.

25X1B0e

13 November - sailed Leningrad for Cuba; [REDACTED]

25X1D

Remarks:

The 4-day period in Kaliningrad was ample time to offload its cargo. This ship spent approximately five days loading in Leningrad which is about the average time required.

KRASHNOGRAD

25X1X7

22 October - departed the Baltic [REDACTED]

25X1X7

23 October - [REDACTED]

25X1D

25 October - [REDACTED] arrival at Kaliningrad in early morning of 25 October.

25X1D

27 October - departed Kaliningrad for Leningrad [REDACTED]

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28 October - arrived Leningrad.

9 November - departed Leningrad [REDACTED]

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KRASHOGRAD  
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11 November -

going northbound out of Baltic. Trucks  
seen on deck.

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25X1D

25X1D

Remarks:

Period of offloading at Kaliningrad and  
loading at Leningrad were consistent  
with average times required.

OKHOTSK

20 October -

passed Bosphorous southbound,

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25 October -

passed Bosphorous northbound.

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30 October -

in Odessa

25X1D

2 November -

25X1D1a

at Novorossiysk

25X1D

25X1D1a

5 November -

passed Bosphorous southbound;

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25X1X7

6 November -

25X1D

Remarks:

This ship, because of the time elapsed be-  
tween passing the Bosphorous northbound  
and arriving at Odessa, may have off-  
loaded at another Black Sea port such as  
Nikolaev. The one-day period required to  
load heavy steel plates and billets  
amounting to 4,200 tons is not regarded  
as unusually fast.

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POLTAVA

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14 October -	passed Bosphorous southbound; [REDACTED]	25X1X7
23 October -	[REDACTED] turned back during the night of 23rd.	25X1D 25X1D
1 November -	entered the Baltic going southbound [REDACTED]	25X1B0e 25X1B0e
3 November -	[REDACTED]	25X1D1a
5 November -	[REDACTED] going out of Baltic [REDACTED]	25X1C
7 November -	[REDACTED] in English Channel.	25X1B0e
8 November -	[REDACTED]	25X1D1a
14 November -	[REDACTED]	25X1D1a

25X1C

Remarks:

Time spent offloading cargo at Kaliningrad is consistent with time required to off-load military cargoes at Cuban ports.

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